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MEMORANDUM

TO: Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Presiding Judges, Court Administrators

FROM: Karen Trussell, Director, Family Court Division

DATE: January 25, 2011

RE: Guardian Ad Litem Certification and Re-Certification Courses

During 2011, **three initial certification courses** for attorneys wishing to be certified as guardians ad litem in juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights cases are available around the State as follows:

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 – Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa (8:45am-4:30pm)
Wednesday, August 10, 2011 – Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, Montgomery (8:45am-4:30pm)
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – The Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham (8:45am-4:30pm)

All sessions of this 6-hour course (which includes one hour of ethics) must be attended by attorneys wishing to be certified as guardians ad litem in juvenile dependency cases. This course WILL NOT count toward the two hours needed for re-certification in 2011.

In addition, our office will be conducting the 2011 juvenile dependency guardian ad litem **2-hour re-certification courses** as follows:

Thursday, April 14, 2011 – Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, (9:45am-12:15 pm)
Thursday, June 2, 2011 – Divorce on the Beach, Destin, FL (9:00am-11:30am)
Thursday, August 11, 2011 – Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, Montgomery (9:45am-12:15 pm)
Thursday, September 22, 2011 – The Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham (9:45am-12:15 pm)
Friday, October 14, 2011 – Retreat to the Beach, Orange Beach, AL (9:00am-11:30am)
Thursday, November 10, 2011 – The Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham (9:45am-12:15 pm)
Thursday, December 15, 2011 – Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building, Montgomery (9:45am-12:15 pm)

These sessions must be attended by attorneys who previously have completed the 6-hour certification course. Completion of the 2 hour re-certification course each calendar year is mandatory for an attorney to remain on the certified list.

Registration for the above Guardian ad Litem courses must be completed online at: <http://conferences.alacourt.gov> . The registration fee can be paid by credit card or mailing a check/money order prior to the course date. There is a \$25.00 late fee if payment is not received before the course date. No on-site registration will be allowed.

The 2011 2-hour re-certification course will be available online through Cumberland (<http://cumberland.samford.edu/cle>) and CLE Alabama (<http://www.clealabama.com/>) in late Spring.

Please assist us in notifying attorneys in your area about both of these courses. If you have any questions concerning these courses, please call April Johnson at (334) 954-7115 or email at april.johnson@alacourt.gov